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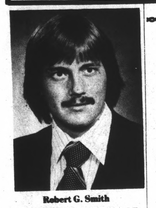

Robert G. Smith

RECEIVES DEGREE

Robert Glen Smith, son of Mrs. Warren A. Trent, of Red House, Va., received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management at the 89th annual commencement of North Carolina State University at Raleigh on Saturday, May 13, 1978. The commencement address was given by Roy H. Park, President, Park Broadcasting, Inc. and Park Newspapers, Inc., and Chancellor Joab L. Thomas conferred the degrees on over 2400 undergraduate students.

Robert, a 1974 honor graduate of Appomattox County High School, will begin work June 1st in a Manager Trainee Program for K Mart's Sporting Goods Department in Raleigh, N.C.

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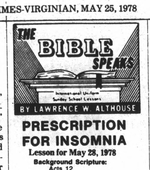
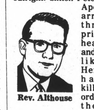


PRESCRIPTION FOR INSOMNIA

Lesson for May 28, 1978
Background Scripture:
Acts 12
Devotional Reading:
2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Let's get the picture of a very tense situation.

Herod the King had begun a violent persecution of Christians in his kingdom. James the brother of John was killed outright. Simon Peter, the chief Apostle, was arrested and thrown into prison under heavy guard and it seemed likely that Herod would have him killed also in order to please the Jewish trouble-makers who were daily increasing their complaints against the church.



Rev. Althouse

Behold an angel

If you had been Simon Peter, how would you have felt? It seemed everything was crashing down about him and he could hardly have forgotten how he had denied his Master three times on a similar night of great crisis. So how do we find him? Luke tells us: "The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping..."!

A valued associate senselessly slain, the church under persecution, the faith endangered, himself likely to lose his life ...and Peter was sleeping!

What was his secret prescription for finding sleep on a night when any other man would have become an insomniac? Perhaps part of the prescription is found in Luke's assurance that "earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church" (11:5). There was comfort in knowing that he was not facing this ordeal alone, but was sharing it with his friends and co-workers who helped to bear his burden with their earnest prayers. Simon Peter had already seen what prayer by these people could accomplish, although we suspect he was looking, not so much for release from jail, as help to come through this ordeal with his loyalty to Christ intact.

Now I am sure

There had been another night when Peter's loyalty had not fared so well. That night, knowing his Master was imprisoned and likely to be executed, Peter had felt frightened and alone. Yet, after Christ had been resurrected, Peter realized that he had not been alone that night and he need not have feared. For when God's enemies had done their worst, Christ was raised up and vindicated.

So, as Peter sat in Herod's dungeon, he knew that he was not alone, that even if he was killed, the power of the resurrected Christ would be more than enough to vindicate him and save him from extinction. Let Herod do his worst, it would not matter.

That Peter was not really anticipating escape is evident in his assumption that the appearance of the angel is really a dream. He knew that God would win in this situation, but he did not realize that God's victory would mean his escape from Herod's clutches. It didn't matter how God won his victory to Peter, for either way, Peter knew that he was securely in God's keeping.

This, then, was the prescription of faith and loyalty that allowed Peter to sleep on a night that should have kept him awake.

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Over sixty 4-H and other students from Appomattox Middle School took part in the Dance-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society this past Saturday. The Dance-A-Thon began at 10:00 a.m. and lasted until 6:00 p.m. Preliminary indications showed that the dancers raised over $1200 for the American Cancer Society. Pledge may be turned in to Mrs. Kathy Whately at the school, Mrs. June Chenault at Fidelity American Bank, or Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson at Farmers National Bank.

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Make your plans to attend the 4-H Dog Show next Tuesday on the football field at Appomattox Middle School. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Lawson Ford will provide trophies and ribbons for the winners.

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This year's 4-H June is Dairy Month Posters will be due June 1. Theme for this year is "Pull for Milk." All 4-H'ers who make posters will receive awards. County winners in three age groups (9-11), (12-14), (15-19) will have their posters sent to Blacksburg for state judging. Appomattox's last state winning dairy poster was done by Robert Alan Moore in 1974.

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The Five County Fair in September provides many fine opportunities for 4-H members. Exhibits may range from livestock to clothing, crafts, canned goods, baked goods, woodworking, models, crops, vegetables, etc. Summer is a good time to work on fair exhibits. The new Fair catalogs will be out by mid-July.

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4-H'ers of the Week: Lourdes Garcia, Jane Eagle and David Hancock who were the major organizers in the Dance-A-Thon.

BECKHAM

May 22 - Mrs. H. C. Moore visited Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr., at her home in Oakville Saturday afternoon. She had the misfortune to fall on Friday.

Mrs. S. G. Martin, Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. R. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Jack) Martin of Lynchburg Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey and Mrs. Gertrude Burge, Mrs. Judy Jamerson and Shannon Jamerson were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin was Mrs. Geraldine Moore. Mr. Russell Martin, Mr. Alfred C. Martin and boys visited in the afternoon. Howlett Drinkard visited in this home Thursday.

Miss Debbie Moore and girlfriend spent the week end at Myrtle Beach.

Gwen Moore spent Sunday with Shelia Woodson. Shelia spent Friday and Saturday night with Gwen Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin, and Robin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie and Mrs. S. G. Martin joined other members of the family honoring Mr. Jutson Morris on his birthday Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris in Appomattox.

Robin Drumheller of Troy, Michigan is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin.

PAMPLIN

Our Miss Merle Davis moved to Westminister-Canterbury Home in Richmond last week. She has lived here for so long even though she was with the State Board of Education she kept her apartment here and after retiring she came here to live with us. We shall miss her so very much but wish her much happiness in her new home.

Mr. Lewis Mann returned home last week from Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. Lloyd Inge is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital and Mr. Leslie Scruggs is in Southside Hospital, Farmville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz of Roanoke visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Williams last week end. They will join friends at Myrtle Beach, S. C. next week-end.

Mrs. Ada Lucado returned home Friday after a visit with her son and family in Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbitt and son, Wyatt of Wytheville visited Mrs. Abbitt's parents Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McDearmon Farrar over the week end.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Mae Southall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Southern of Norfolk spent last week visiting relatives.

Mrs. T. E. Caldwell returned last Wednesday from Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Williams, Jr. has as their guest over the week end Mrs. Williams' aunts and uncles,Mr. and Mrs. George Cheney of Westville, Mass., Mrs. Beatrice Cope of Enfield, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Priest and son, David of Richmond.

JORDAN

The Senior Choir will practice Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Regular preaching services will be held on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

The Gospel Harmonettes wish to thank each person who attended the Ministers Concert and making it a success.

On Sun., May 28 at 3:30 the club will have their Annual Ladies Day. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Ida Elliott and guest singers will be the Scruggs family. Please come and enjoy your evening.

PTA OFFICERS INSTALLED AT APS

On May 18, 1978, the Appomattox Primary School PTA held its last '77-78 school year meeting. Highlighting business was the installation of new officers by Mr. Dennis Torrence. Pictured above are newly installed President, Mrs. Faye Stratton; Vice-President, Mrs. Vickie Canada; Reporter, Mr. Bob Jendzurski; Secretary, Mrs. Rowena Robinson, and Treasurer, Mrs. Barbara McLaughlin.

The officers of the PTA and the school staff are most appreciative of the fine support from the parents throughout the year. A special thank-you for the delicious cookies and brownies donated for refreshments.

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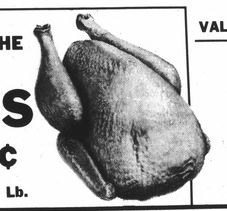

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